

## COAL MINERS ARE BARELY EXISTING

**Anthracite Coal Commission Examines More Witnesses Father Hussie Testifies About Their Condition.**

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—At today's session of the hearing before the anthracite coal strike commission, representatives of the mine workers continued to call witnesses, and a large amount of testimony was introduced to show the deplorable condition of the miners.

The witnesses were principally practical miners who have lived in the coal region for a number of years, and are familiar with the exact conditions. Their testimony was listened to with close attention. Many questions were asked by both sides.

The principal witness of the day was Father J. V. Hussie, rector of St.

Gabriel's Roman Catholic church. He has lived among the miners all his life and has made a close study of their habits and the disadvantages of the life they lead. He said:

"The condition of these miners is deplorable in the extreme. They get barely enough wages to provide even the most common necessities of life, let alone having any of the good things. The miners are all frugal, conservative, reasonable and God-fearing people. They deserve sympathy."

Rumors of a probable settlement outside of the commission are still circulating, but cannot be confirmed.

## BISBEE HAS BEST DRILLERS

**MALLEY AND ROSS WON AT PRESCOTT YESTERDAY**

Drilled in Native Granite 34 1-16 inches in Fifteen Minutes, Winning First Prize of \$350—Record Not Touched

Bisbee is still the home of the champion drillers. At Prescott yesterday afternoon Malley and Ross won the double handed contest by drilling 34 1-16 inches. The second place went to Tarr brothers, who drilled 31 11-16 inches.

The first prize consisted of \$350 and second money was \$150. The teams drilled for fifteen minutes in native granite which is taken out of the hills near Prescott. It is harder than Gunnison granite which accounts for the poor showing made.

The world's record which was made in this city last July by McNichols and Ross is a fraction over forty-two inches. They drilled in Gunnison granite, and defeated Malley and Chamberlain, the former champions, by a narrow margin.

At the contest in Prescott yesterday several crack teams were there from all parts of the southwest. Bisbee teams winning first and second place, gives this city a greater prestige in the drilling world than any other city of the west.

The next drilling event of any importance will take place in El Paso next January at the midwinter carnival. Malley and Ross will go from this city to take part in the double handed contest. It is probable that Tarr brothers will be among the contestants.

Today in Prescott the single handed contests will be held. Among those who went from here to try for the money were Dan McGowan and Bob Lyons. O. M. King, who won the championship in this city last July, did not go, but will be at El Paso.

When the news reached here last night that Malley and Ross had carried off the prize there was a great deal of satisfaction. Many expressed regret that Tarr brothers did not get the first money. It is the general opinion that Malley and Ross will have no trouble carrying off the best money at the contests for several years to come if they stay together.

There was very little betting in this city on the outcome of the drilling contest, an opinion prevailing that Malley and Ross would have no trouble winning the event.

The holes drilled by the contestants at Prescott are not definitely known. The information given above came to Officer Jennings in a telegram from Ed Malley. Last night the Review received the following telegram from W. M. Ross, who is now at Prescott: "Malley and Ross first with 34 1/16 inches; Tarr brothers second with 31 11/16 inches. Rock was very hard."

## RAILROADS ARE EXCITED

**Fear That Government Will Transfer Its Trade**

Omaha, Dec. 4.—Roads using Omaha as the gateway to the Pacific coast are much exercised over what is said to be an effort to divert all the government business for the Philippines via the St. Paul gateway, and over the Great Northern railroad to Seattle.

Should the government abandon its transport service, and railroads are called upon for a steamship rate in addition to the rate by railroads using the Omaha route, the Union and Central Pacific roads promise to make a strong bid for their share of the Philippine business, which will result in a further reduction of rates and consequent saving to the government.

## CAT AND POULTRY SHOW

Cleveland, O., Dec. 4.—The mewing of cats mingled with the cooing of doves and the soft cooing of doves in the discordant sounds that greeted the ears of the many visitors thronging the Gray's armory today.

The occasion was the opening of the big poultry and cat show for which preparations have been going forward for several months. The show is in all respects the largest and most notable affair of its kind ever held in this city. The entries number several thousand and embrace all varieties of domestic fowls, together with a choice assortment of high class felines. The judging of exhibits commenced this morning and will continue until the show closes the last of the week.

L. R. Brown, secretary of the Calumet and Arizona, went to the City of Mexico yesterday on mining business connected with the company's interests.

## THOMAS B. REED IS AT DEATH'S DOOR

**His Condition About Midnight Was Considered Critical—Doctor Gardiner Issues Bulletin on Reed's Condition**

Washington, Dec. 4.—At 11:30 o'clock tonight the condition of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, who has been ill in this city since last Tuesday evening, is reported to be critical. On all sides there is fear that the brilliant lawyer and statesman will not survive his present illness which came upon him suddenly and with great force.

Shortly after 10 o'clock tonight, Dr. Gardiner, one of the physicians who are at the bedside constantly, handed the following bulletin to the press for publication:

"At 1 p. m. Reed's condition is as follows: Temperature, 100; pulse, 88; respiration, 34. His condition is

grave and not without alarming symptoms."

During this afternoon the patient suffered to some degree from the effects of uraemic coma, but his mind cleared in the evening, and he is conscious of all that is going on around him.

His appendical symptoms are rapidly subsiding, and appendicitis is not now considered an important factor in his present low condition. His case will probably take a turn for better or worse during the night, and by morning it will be known more definitely what are his chances for recovery.

## WILL REVISE ARIZONA LAWS

**ASSEMBLYMAN-ELECT O'CONNELL SAYS IT IS BADLY NEEDED**

**As They Stand Laws are Conflicting and Should Be Straightened Out—Other Bills That Will Come Up**

"If Arizona is not admitted to the union, and the next legislature meets," said J. M. O'Connell yesterday, "it will without doubt revise the statutes of this territory, which are now anything but satisfactory to lawyers and all who have anything to do with them."

Attorney O'Connell will be one of the members of the assembly from this county having been elected by the democrats at the last election. Having had a great deal to do with the revised statutes of this territory by practice in the courts, he is in a position to know the weak points. Speaking about the matter further he said:

"As the statutes stand now they are conflicting in many cases and put the judges to some trouble in rendering decisions. It is the same with lawyers, who are at a loss to know in what manner to proceed and be on the safe side."

"Strong complaints are made all over the territory on all sides about the manner in which the laws of Arizona were codified. In one place it will prescribe that a certain course must be pursued and in another give entirely different instructions."

"Putting the laws of Arizona in proper shape will be about the most important thing to be done, and without doubt steps will be taken early in the session to have a commission appointed that will attend to the matter."

When asked what he thought would be done about the eight-hour law, which was one of the strongest planks in the democratic territorial platform, Attorney O'Connell said:

"I have no doubt that the eight-hour law will be passed at the next session. The democrats all over Arizona and the men they have elected to the legislature seem to be in favor of such a measure. While the union men of the northern part of the territory did not give the party a strong vote, it is not likely to cut much figure."

"As far as I can learn the party will stand strictly by its platform pledges, which were made during the recent campaign. There may possibly be some opposition to the eight-hour law and the freight and fare bill but it will not be strong enough to defeat the measures. Outside of these measures I know of no important bills that will be introduced."

## HAS PACIFIC CABLE

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The big cable steamer Silverton came into port here today with the cable on board which she is to lay between San Francisco and Honolulu. In the three tanks of the big steamer is coiled 2,413 nautical miles of cable. It weighs 4867 tons and is to be stretched along the bottom of the ocean from a point half a mile south of the Cliff House to a place on the island of Oahu near Diamond Head. Ten to twelve days will be required to lay the cable to Honolulu.

## BIDS FOR TRANSPORTS

**Some Trouble Over Service to Philippine Islands**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Root had a conference today with Quartermaster General Ludington and Colonel Patten who is in charge of the army transport service in regard to the bid which has been received for the transportation of troops and military supplies between the Pacific coast and the Philippines.

The lowest bid received that of the Boston company running a line of steamers between Seattle and Manila. It was a rate much below the regular commercial rates. The main question to be determined is whether the rate offered by the Boston company will justify the government in abandoning the army transport service.

Although other bids were received from lines running out of San Francisco, the business interests of that city are active in opposition to the transfer of the business to Seattle or any other port.

Officers of the quartermaster's department are said to oppose any scheme for the discontinuance of the army transport service. It is announced that Secretary Root is not yet prepared to act in the matter of bids.

## TO LOBBY FOR TRUSTS

**Will Try to Defeat the President's Policy**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representatives of the great interests that fear something may be done to regulate monopolies and combinations are already on the ground. Prominent men identified with great financial interests, and known to be in active opposition to the President on the trust question, have already engaged apartments at the leading hotels here for the winter. The most powerful lobby Washington has known in many a day will be busily employing seeing that the President's policy is defeated or nullified.

The fight will be made all along the line. It will appear in committee and on the floor of both houses. But more dangerous than the open opposition will be the secret work which will be performed to prevent any action by congress looking to the regulation of trusts, or, failing in this, to see to it that any bill that passes has the "string" drawn before it goes to the President.

## SAGASTA QUILTS CABINET

**King Alfonso Must Get a New Prime Minister**

Madrid, Dec. 4.—Senor Sagasta had an audience with King Alfonso this morning at which he presented his resignation and intimated that the step was irrevocable. He informed the king that the opposition had treated him with distrust and discourtesy, which he did not deserve. His majesty will not decide on the course he will pursue until tomorrow.

## INDIAN SCHOOL EXPENSES

**Secretary Shaw Estimates Amount of Appropriation (Special to Review.)**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has transmitted to congress estimates for the appropriation for the next fiscal year to support the Phoenix Indian school, which is \$1,536,500; Truxton school, \$468,500; Fort Mohave, \$57,000, and an increase of \$800 for the expenses of the secretary's vice.

## BEVERIDGE STILL FIGHTING

**Wants Arizona and New Mexico Left Out**

Washington, Dec. 4.—The senate was in session today an hour and five minutes, the most of which time was spent behind closed doors.

After the reception of a number of bills and petitions and the adoption of a concurrent resolution calling on President Roosevelt for the papers in the Plus fund case, recently arbitrated before The Hague tribunal, Senator Beveridge had read a resolution adopted by the delegates to the Oklahoma non-partisan convention favoring the admission of Oklahoma and Indian territory as one state and opposing the House Omnibus Statehood bill.

The senate then went into executive session and at 1:50 o'clock adjourned until Monday.

Senator Elkins of Pennsylvania, who led the opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill in the last session, today informed President Roosevelt that he will support a proper Cuban reciprocity treaty. He expressed a belief that such treaty would be ratified by the senate soon after its presentation.

It is understood that President Roosevelt has received similar assurance from other senators who opposed the bill in the last session.

## THREE ROBBERS CAUGHT

**They Held Up a Bank at Bridger, Montana**

Butte, Mont., Dec. 4.—A special to the Miner from Billings, Montana, says news has been received there tonight that Sheriff Potter of Carbon county, has captured the three men believed to be the robbers who held up the bank of Bridger last Monday and escaped with \$3,748.

The report says that the robbers were overtaken at Fishall Creek near the Wyoming state line. They were in the cabin of Pat Murphy, a rancher who was also placed under arrest.

The suspects were taken to Red Lodge tonight and placed in jail. In their wild ride to escape the posses which were pursuing them, the robbers nearly completed a circle of one hundred miles in diameter.

Cashier Trumble of the Bridger bank has started for Red Lodge for the purpose of identifying the prisoners.

## RED RIVER RISING

**Condition is Serious Around Shreveport, Louisiana**

Shreveport, La., Dec. 4.—The Red river continues to rise at Shreveport and points above. It will go above the danger line here tonight. The bottom lands are inhabited principally by negroes and are rapidly filling with water.

A number of families have been forced to leave their homes and others are preparing to leave for higher points. The gap in the levee above this city is reported to be widening. There is no immediate danger from loss of life, but there is much suffering from heavy property losses.

## MEXICAN DOLLARS HIGHER

New York, Dec. 4.—Silver, 47 1/2; Mexican dollars 37 1/2. Copper, Standard, 10.75; Lake, 11.65; Electrolytic and Casting 11.45.

## PENSION EXAMINER

(Special to Review.) Washington, Dec. 4.—Dr. R. M. Dodsworth has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Phoenix.

## FOURTEEN LIVES LOST IN FIRE

**HOTEL BURNED IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY MORNING**

**Smoke Cut Off Escape of Guests Many of Whom were Smothered in their Beds—Building is Condemned**

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Fourteen men met death by suffocation this morning in a fire which occurred at 6 o'clock in the Lincoln hotel at 156 Madison street. Thirteen of those who lost their lives were stifled while lying in their beds. One victim was taken from the building before life became extinct, but died in an ambulance on the way to the nearest hospital.

Coroner Trager, after inspecting the building, united with Fire Chief Musham in declaring that the building was a veritable fire trap and never should have been used for hotel purposes.

Chief Musham declared there were such wide cracks in the floors that the smoke poured through the building in clouds, rendering escape extremely difficult for those on the upper floors.

There was no fire escape on the front of the building, although one was in process of construction. Scaffolding was up and from it dangled several ropes down which a number of people slid to the pavement, after all escape by the stairway had been cut off.

F. A. Smith, proprietor of the hotel, declared there were nearly as he could judge, without his books about 125 people in the hotel. It was in fact filled to the utmost capacity and many applicants for rooms were turned away last night with the information that they could not be accommodated.

Night Clerk Weber discovered smoke pouring through the hall shortly before 6 o'clock and did his best to alarm the guests, but the smoke was so dense and increased in volume so rapidly that he was able to arouse only a small number, and he was then compelled to grope his way to the street to avoid suffocation.

Guests came down one stairway of the building in all stages of undress, and several leaped from the windows of the second story to the sidewalk below, and escaped without serious injury.

Firemen, who arrived with great promptitude, saved many lives by carrying people down ladders from the windows. The smoke on the inside of the building was so thick that the firemen were unable to penetrate further than the windows.

## RUSSELL SOUGHT FAME

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Jack Johnson of Bakersfield was given the decision over Russell in tonight's fight in the eighth round. Russell deliberately fouled Johnson, striking him low three times and before Stuart gave the decision to Johnson. Johnson had all the better of the fight and punished Russell throughout.

## SNOW IN OREGON

Salmon City, Dec. 4.—A snow storm has been raging in this section for the last thirty-six hours. The ground is covered to a depth of one foot. Air traffic is delayed.